

PRE-BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Pre-Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties with the following members present:

Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

There will be two changes to two motions on the agenda tonight. Motion regarding Haley Hoyt will be part time with salary added and the motion of appointing the police chief will add the yearly salary. All board members were in favor of making these changes.

Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank D. Greco Multi-Purpose Building located on the corner of Market and Robinson Streets in the Village of Saugerties. The meeting opened with the Pledge Allegiance with the following members present:

Councilwoman Peg Nau
Councilwoman Leeanne Thornton
Councilman Mike Ivino
Councilman Zach Horton
Supervisor Fred Costello

PRIVILEE OF FLOOR: none

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Tom Francello – read an article about water in Glasco being over the allowable limit. Are water bills going up? For the whole district or just people who use excess? Supervisor Costello said the village owns the reservoir and when that rate goes up, we have to raise our rates. We have never exceeded 1.5 million gallons that are allocated.

Mike Tiano – addressed concerns about water. Overuse is in Glasco Water District. There are other building projects approved but not using water yet and still concerned with Villa project.

Brett Lammers – concerned what Villa project will affect our water. Supervisor Costello said property owners will have to provide for improvements regarding fire hydrants, etc.

Donald VanDyke – mentioned previously that residents on Spaulding Lane did not get billed for water. Extra water usage will tax the old water lines. Supervisor Costello clarified that he believes it meant that residents did not have to pay for the infrastructure.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Two motions are being changed on the agenda tonight; all members were in favor of changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Horton to approve minutes of Pre-Board and Town Board Meeting on November 15, 2023; Executive Session on November 15, 2023; Public Hearing on November 15, 2023; Special Town Board Meeting on December 5, 2023 and Public Hearing of December 5, 2023, carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve bills as presented, carried.

General Fund	\$205,559.78
General Outside Village	20,082.65
Highway	53,050.80
Capital Projects	8,933.75
Ambulance District	127,002.25
Lighting District	4,246.72
Sewer O&M	39,160.95
Water O&M	14,479.93
Trust & Agency	13,098.13
Central Hudson	18,240.83

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Greg Chorvas – docks and piers have been pulled; new truck has arrived; air chiller has arrived and placed on slab; revenues will exceed the budget; 1st Responders held a very successful toy drive; CFA grant denied; DASNY moving very fast. Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year!

Ray Mayone – working on shoulders on roads; three full crews out every day; had to purchase a truck on emergency.

Stan O’Dell – court is running smoothly and putting Clerks to new titles secures their positions.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Nau – December 15th is a meet & greet with Art Council

Councilwoman Thornton – thank all the people who volunteer and serve on committees; Holiday in the Village did not deter because of the rain; CPC will move lodging and events discussion to public hearings; Boys & Girls Club had a holiday dinner tonight for 100 kids; TV23 will be up-grading equipment and STAC put in for a TAP grant.

Councilman Ivino – nothing to report

Councilman Horton – construction of pollinator garden, thanks to Parks & Rec and CAC for getting it up and running

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilman Horton to move Lisa Bach to the exempt title of Clerk to the Justice for the Saugerties Town Court per the recommendation of Judge Stan O’Dell, effective December 14, 2023.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello explained that they had to re-staff the court and Lisa and Julie have embraced the job.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to move Julie Hackett to the exempt title of Clerk to the Justice for the Saugerties Town Court per the recommendation of Judge Chris Kraft, effective December 14, 2023.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve the resolution, as on file, authorizing the Town of Saugerties Highway Department Superintendent to purchase a 2023 Dodge Ram 2500 from Sawyer Motors, Inc. at a cost of \$64,338.00.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Ivino to approve the 36 month renewal copier lease with Atlantic Tomorrow’s Office.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to approve Local Law No. 4 of 2023 amending Local Law No. 1 of the year 2008 entitled “Zoning Law, Town of Saugerties, New York” pertaining to signs.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Ivino, seconded by Supervisor Costello to hire Haley J. Hoyt as a part time Police Officer at a rate of \$18.00 per hour effective December 15, 2023 in order to attend the police academy.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Supervisor Costello, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to authorize the Parks & Buildings Department to advertise for Bids for the installation of new restrooms and second floor locker room in accordance with DASNY’s Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology Program (CREST) Grant, Project ID #26114, FMS # 147192 (\$250,000.00), as per the recommendation of the Parks & Buildings Superintendent.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Nau, seconded by Councilwoman Thornton to allow the supervisor to sign, as on file, the Task Force Agreement between the Town of Saugerties and Ulster County.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilwoman Thornton, seconded by Supervisor Costello to appoint Robert Nuzzo as Town of Saugerties Police Chief, effective January 1, 2024 at an annual pay rate of \$135,000.00.

Discussion: Supervisor Costello added that he will be a wonderful addition and great opportunity. Councilman Horton said that all the candidates were extremely qualified; thank you to Supervisor Costello and Councilman Ivino for spearheading this process.

Vote: Adopted – 5 Yes

Motion made by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilwoman Nau to adjourn Town Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m., carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 Organizational Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed in memory of Rich Buono, William Brinnier, III, Eileen Gunn, Joe Goldpough, Alex Wade and Maria Stach.

Town Clerk